

## Press Release

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### **Board Approves Technology Transfer Assistance Awards Issued by Authority**

During its September 20, 1996, meeting, the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority (Authority) Board of Directors approved funding of 10 Technology Transfer Assistance Grant (TTAG) projects. At \$3,750 per project, Authority funding for the TTAG projects totaled \$37,500.

TTAG is designed to assist Arkansas' enterprises in developing or improving products or processes through the transfer of technical solutions to technology-based, industry-driven problems, thus enhancing that enterprise's market competitiveness.

The 10 enterprises receiving TTAG funding were:

- TSW Corp. of Texarkana for the purpose of determining the potential of a TSW product as a fire retardant [96-TTAG-0021]
- C&J Forms and Label Company of Fort Smith for phase two implementation and pre-assessment of primary ISO 9000 system elements to obtain ISO 9002 registration [96-TTAG-0022];
- Davidson Manufacturing Corp. of Fort Smith for phase three for continuing implementation, consulting and pre-assessment of the ISO 9000 system elements prior to a registrar assessment [96-TTAG-0023];
- Mid-West Enamelers Inc. of Fort Smith for completion and assessment of implementation of ISO 9000 system elements [96-TTAG-0024];
- Victor Midland Inc. of Springdale for implementation of computer-aided design technology to improve productivity of industrial cleansing equipment manufacture [96-TTAG-0025];

- Coors/ACI of Benton for minimizing oxidation during silicon grinding [97-TTAG-0001];
- Shipping Systems Inc. of Crossett for consulting, completion and implementation of ISO 9000 system elements [97-TTAG-0002];
- Marshalltown Tools of Fayetteville to perform a pre-assessment audit, develop an implementation schedule and coordinate/supervise/consult with the client to establish an ISO 9000 quality system [97-TTAG-0003];
- Alumax-Magnolia Division in Magnolia for implementation of an ISO 9000 systems element [97-TTAG-0004];
- Accurate Plastic Molding Inc. of Mabelvale for consulting and coordinating implementation of an ISO 9000 quality system [97-TTAG-0005].

Through its TTAG program, the Authority provides limited financial support for the transfer and deployment of innovative technology. The Authority will fund up to \$3,750 of costs associated with transferring new or existing technology from a qualified applicant, such as a public or private enterprise, laboratory, or college or university, to an Arkansas-based enterprise. Up to \$5,000 of total project costs will be considered, with the first \$2,500 funded by the Authority; the remaining \$2,500 is cost-shared equally (50-50) between the Authority and the enterprise. Each enterprise is eligible to receive assistance for two technology transfer projects per year. Projects are evaluated on a competitive basis.

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*The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority serves as a statewide funding resource for high quality scientific and technological projects. The Authority endeavors to bring the benefits of science and technology to the people and state of Arkansas through scientific research, technology development, business innovation, and education.*

*Board approves TTAG funding, Sept. 20, 96*